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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number | 09/075,666-#21 |
| Filing Date | May 11, 1998 10-11-03 |
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| Group Art Unit | 2623 |
| Examiner Name | Chang, Jon Carlton |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on July 17, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to
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- b. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$750.00 and \$410.00 are enclosed for the following:
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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